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SUBJ: REPORTS OF TURKISH PLAN TO CONSTRUCT AIRBASE IN CYPRUS

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1. WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT CONFIRM OR DENY ALLEGATIONS THAT TURKEY IS ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTING AN AIRBASE NEAR KYRENIA. MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR GREEK-CYPRIOT AFFAIRS EKREM GUVENDIREN, WHO DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY WELL INFORMED ON SUBJECT, TOLD EMBOFFS THAT WHILE IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE AIR STRIP WHICH WAS USED FOR CROP DUSTING IS BEING LENGTHENED, HE KNEW OF NO PLANS TO BUILD AN AIRBASE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING, HOWEVER, THAT POSITION OF GOT WAS SAME AS THAT OF TFSC, I.E., WHAT THE TFSC DOES IN ITS SECTOR OF THE ISLAND IS NOBODY ELSE'S BUSINESS.

2. AIR ATTACHE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY INTENTION OR DESIRE OF TURKISH AIR FORCE (TAF) TO CONSTRUCT AN AIRBASE ON CYPRUS.

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